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SUBJECT: PROPOSED SALE OF F-4E AIRCRAFT TO GREECE

REF: STATE 72947

1. AS NOTED REFTTEL, CONGRESS WAS FORMALLY NOTIFIED ON APRIL 19 OF A PROPOSED LETTER OF OFFER FOR THE SALE OF 18 F-4E AIRCRAFT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 36(B) OF THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT, AS AMENDED, THE QUOTE LETTER OF OFFER SHALL NOT BE ISSUED IF THE CONGRESS, WITHIN THIRTY CALENDAR DAYS AFTER RECEIVING SUCH CERTIFICATION, ADOPTS A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION STATING THAT IT OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSED SALE UNQUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING ARE PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS OF AN UNCLASSIFIED POLICY JUSTIFICATION WHICH ACCOMPANIED THE NOTIFICATION TO THE CONGRESS QUOTE THIS PROPOSED LETTER OF OFFER VALUED AT \$160 MILLION WOULD PROVIDE FOR THE SALE TO GREECE OF 18 UNCLASSIFIED

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F-4E AIRCRAFT WITH SUPPORT EQUIPMENT AND SPARE PARTS. THE DELIVERY WOULD TAKE PLACE OVER AN EIGHT MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING IN APRIL 1978.

THE F-4 IS A MULTI-ROLE COMBAT AIRCRAFT CAPABLE OF

MACH 2 SPEEDS WITH A COMBAT RADIUS OF 650 MILES. GREECE

HAS BEEN REPLACING ITS OBSOLETE FIGHTER AIRCRAFT WITH F-4S; 38 WERE DELIVERED TO GREECE IN 1974 AND 1975, AND 8 RECONNAISSANCE VERSIONS (RF-4E) WERE APPROVED FOR SALE IN A SEPARATE LETTER OF OFFER IN 1976 (TRANSMITTAL 76-14). THIS SALE WOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF US AND NATO STANDARDIZATION GOALS AND OF SECURITY OBJECTIVES IN EUROPE.

AFTER EXAMINING THE RELATIVE MILITARY POSITIONS OF GREECE AND TURKEY, WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT THIS PROPOSED SALE OF F-4E AIRCRAFT WOULD NOT BE DESTABILIZING. UNQUOTE

3. AS APPROPRIATE, EMBASSY MAY INFORM HOST GOVERNMENT OF THIS NOTIFICATION.
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